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Rebuilding Illinois: Multiple projects tackled in 2020

Investment in Peoria area made possible by Gov. Pritzker's historic capital program

PEORIA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that multiple projects in the Peoria area are completed, underway or extending into future construction seasons, highlighting an ongoing commitment made possible by Gov. JB Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois. Just in the Peoria area, 10 major projects represent a total investment of \$280.1 million for the region, with \$103.1 million coming from the historic and bipartisan capital program.

"Rebuild Illinois is not only about investing in infrastructure but about investing in people and communities as well. This first full year of Rebuild Illinois brought projects to the Peoria area that created jobs and invested in the local economy in a way that was sorely needed," said Gov. Pritzker. "The work completed this year is just the start of many more local improvements that will build better and safer roads and bridges, while keeping communities like Peoria competitive and strengthening our state's status as a transportation hub for the nation."

Of the 10 major projects in the Peoria area, six were completed in 2020, three are scheduled to be completed in 2021 and one is to be completed in 2023. Completed projects include:

- The Murray Baker Bridge rehabilitation began this spring and was completed Oct. 31. A full closure of the bridge allowed the project to be completed faster, safer and cheaper than spreading the work over multiple construction seasons.
- Illinois 6 resurfacing from north of U.S. 150 to Illinois 40 began earlier this year. The project was completed in October. Additional elements, such as drainage, electrical and guardrail improvements, also were included.
- Illinois 6 from Illinois 29 to Illinois 40 shoulder restoration began in August and was completed in September.
- Illinois 29 patching and resurfacing, from just south of Cloverdale Road in Chillicothe to Dickinson Run Creek, north of Illinois 6 in Peoria County, began this spring and wrapped up in November.
- Farmington Road bridge over Kickapoo Creek was replaced along with a reconstruction of the Kickapoo Creek intersection. Work began in the spring of 2019 and was completed in November.
- Illinois 40 (Knoxville Avenue) and Lake Street intersection improvement, reconstruction of the medians, paving and related work began in July. The project was completed in September.

“Our mission to keep this construction season on schedule has not wavered, despite the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19,” said Acting Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “We completed several major Peoria area projects this year and are on track to finish others in 2021, which will improve safety, quality of life and create economic opportunity for many years to come.”

Passed in 2019, Rebuild Illinois is investing \$33.2 billion into the state’s aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history but also the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

As part of the new [FY2021-26 Proposed Highway Improvement Program](#) released in July, IDOT is investing \$21.3 billion to improve roads and bridges over the next six years, the second multi-year plan that reflects the impact of Rebuild Illinois.

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